

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Mr. Bryant Furlow epiNewswire 900 Ortiz Drive, NE Albuquerque, New Mexico 87108

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request 06-FOI-00412-10

Dear Mr. Furlow:

This letter is in partial response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated June 22, 2010, for information pertaining to all Region 6 email attachments, dated after May 1, 2010, regarding testing of Gulf water and / or air and / or oil samples, as well as test results from the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

On August 19, 2010, Tina Kirst, contractor with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 Superfund Division, notified you by electronic mail of confidential documents within your request and offered a partial response. In an email on September 1, 2010 from Nancy Yarberry, Region 6 Superfund Records Manager, you were informed that the first response would consist of releasable documents. The next response will contain a denial log of the withheld documents.

In compliance with your instructions, we are enclosing copies of responsive public use documents on Digital Video Disc (DVD). The documents contained on the DVD are in Adobe Systems Inc.'s common Portable Document FormatTM (PDF). The viewer is included on the DVD, as is additional supporting documentation, if needed. The DVD is set to launch automatically upon insertion into a personal computer.

If you consider this partial response to be a denial, you may appeal this response to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only), FAX: (202) 566-2147, E-mail: hq.foia@epa.gov. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20001. Your appeal must be made in writing, and it must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal letter should include the 06-FOI number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you should have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (214) 665-6659. The Region 6 Freedom of Information Officer will bill you after you receive your final response.

Sincerely,

Ida Gilleland

Superfund FOIA Coordinator

Enclosure